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Sir:

Responsive to the non-final Office Action dated October 16, 2007, having a shortened period for response that was set to expire on January 16, 2008, which period has been extended 1 month to expire on February 16, 2008 by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, Applicants hereby submit the following response with amendments and accompanying remarks. Entry of this response and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Listing and Amendments to the Claims begin on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.